

## **REMARKS**

### Interview Summary

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.133(b), Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the personal interview with the Examiner on August 6, 2008 during which the following outstanding issues were discussed. In particular, Applicants discussed the objection to the specification as failing to provide antecedent basis for claim 31, as well as the rejection of claims 57 and 58, and the double patenting rejection. Applicants agreed to amend the specification, as suggested by the Examiner, to provide support for claim 31, as originally filed. Applicants also agreed to cancel claims 57 and 58, and to provide a terminal disclaimer.

### Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 31. No new matter has been added.

### Claim Amendments

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 34, 35, and 60.

Claims 31, 34-35, 38-39, 51-52, 57-58 and 60 are pending in the application. Claims 57 and 58 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 31, 34-35, 38-39, 51-52, and 60 will remain pending in the application.

The foregoing claim amendments should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections and were made solely to expedite prosecution of the application. The amendments do not raise any new issues or require additional searching. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in this or a separate application(s). No new matter has been added.

***Objection to the Specification***

The Examiner asserts that the specification fails to provide proper antecedent basis because, according to the Examiner, “[t]he molecular conjugate of claim 31 is not disclosed in the specification.”

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to expedite prosecution, the specification has been amended, as suggested by the Examiner, *i.e.*, to incorporate the subject matter of original claim 31 (which depends from original claim 27). Accordingly, Applicants refer to, for example, page 4, line 28, through page 5, line 2, as providing support for current claim 31. Based on the foregoing, this rejection should be moot.

***Rejection of Claims 57 and 58 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph***

Claims 57 and 58 are rejected as not meeting the written description requirement. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, to expedite prosecution, claims 57 and 58 have been canceled without prejudice. Therefore, upon entry of the foregoing amendments, this rejection should be moot.

***Provisional Obviousness-Type Double Patenting***

Claims 31, 38, 39, 51, 52, 57, and 58 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being obvious over claims 20 and 21 of U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/903,191.

Claims 57 and 58 have been canceled and, therefore, this rejection is moot as applied to these claims. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection as applied to remaining claims 31, 38, 39, 51, and 52. However, to expedite prosecution, Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/903,191. Therefore, this rejection should be moot.

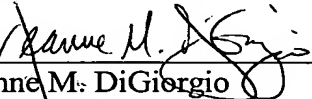
**CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing amendments and arguments, reconsideration and withdrawal of all the rejections and allowance of this application with all pending claims are respectfully requested. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' Attorney would expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call (617) 227-7400.

Applicants believe no additional fee is due with this response. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. CDJ-166CPRCE2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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